

# **Washington State Patrol**

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### **WSP Seeking Assailant from Assault on I-5**

At approximately 11:55p.m. on August 18<sup>th</sup>, Trooper Gabe Olson responded to a report of a disabled bus southbound I-5 at the Ridgefield junction (Exit 14). When Trooper Olson arrived at the location, he found a Good Samaritan had stopped to assist a woman standing on the side of the road with a bloody face.

Trooper Matt Hughes arrived at the scene and identified the woman as a 46-year old resident of Vancouver. The woman had obvious signs of an assault to her face and told Hughes she was assaulted by her boyfriend, who she identified as 41-year old Rodney D. Joynes, also a resident of Vancouver. The woman was transported to Legacy hospital in Vancouver.

Troopers Hughes and Bill Jordan contacted the woman at the hospital. At the hospital, the woman told troopers of the violent and aggressive assault by Joynes, which included him putting her in a headlock and hitting her in the head with closed fists. The woman said she was forced out of the vehicle by Joynes as he followed and continued to assault her with closed fists. She said Joynes got back in the vehicle, which belonged to her, and left the area leaving her alone and bloody.

Troopers located the woman's vehicle near her residence, but were unable to locate Joynes. Trooper Hughes contacted Joynes by cell phone, but Joynes was refusing to cooperate and contact the troopers. Joynes told Hughes several times, "I'm not going back to the cage." Joynes also said he poses no threat, but that he might run if the police came after him.

The woman was treated and released from the hospital with a broken nose and cheek bone and a concussion from the assault.



WSP is requesting assistance from the public in locating Joynes. Joynes is described as a white male, approximately 6' 01", weighing 210 pounds, with brown hair and brown eyes. If anyone sees or has any information concerning the whereabouts of Joynes, do not approach him, and call Trooper Bill Jordan at (360) 260-6333.

**Note: Media has permission from WSP to use attached photo of Rodney D. Joynes.**

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